

REMARKS

Claims 1-52 have been cancelled. New claims 53 and 54 have been added. Support for newly added claims can be found throughout the Specification, for example on page 73, lines 12-29 and Tables 10 and 12. Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be considered moot in view of the new claim set provided herein.

Petition for Acceptance of Color Drawings Under 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)

A Decision on the Petition for Acceptance of Color Drawings was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 27, 2006 (copy attached). This Decision was mailed in error. It corresponds with Application No. 10/976,368, filed on October 28, 2004 (Attorney Docket No. 2345.2049-006). Application No. 10/976,368 was a Continuation of the subject application, and it is now abandoned. Applicants called the Office of Petitions for guidance to respond and correct the error. The Office suggested pointing out the error in response to the instant Restriction Requirement. Applicants note that the abandoned Application 10/976,368 was filed with color drawings and thus the Petition was appropriate at the time of filing. Applicants respectfully request further guidance if these statements are not deemed sufficient to correct the error.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on March 15, 2006. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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